

# LTSS TRAINING TODAY



January 2022

Happy New Year!



## COVID-19 Pandemic

On November 19, Governor Bill Lee ended the public health emergency for the state of Tennessee.

### *What does this mean for LTSS Programs?*

The COVID-19 related flexibilities for LTSS programs are dependent on the **federal** PHE declaration, rather than the State's declaration. Once the federal declaration ends, we will have a short window (in most cases, 6 months) to end all remaining flexibilities. Based on the best information available, we think it is likely early in the new year.

## Enhanced FMAP (Federal Medical Assistance Percentage) Funding

Exciting News!

TennCare and the Department of Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities (DIDD) announced a bold plan to invest up to \$400 million of federal COVID-19 relief funds to provide home and community-based services (HCBS) for older adults and individuals with disabilities across Tennessee.

**For more information, check out the links below:**

- [Enhanced HCBS FMAP](#)
- [State of TN Press Release](#)

## Coming Soon: PERLSS Project

Pre-Admission Evaluations and Referrals for Long-Term Services and Supports (PERLSS) is a modern, cloud-hosted solution that will fully replace and expand the functionality of the TennCare Pre-Admission Evaluation System (TPAES). Stay tuned for more information!

## MOPD Date Change

If an MOPD needs to be changed in a PAE, please do not go into the PAE and update the MOPD.

To ensure that your Medicaid Only Payer Date (MOPD) change request is seen and acknowledged, please contact the LTSS Helpdesk at 877-224-0219.

## TPAES Security Changes

When submitting new access requests for TPAES, please be aware that e-mail addresses can only be used on one active user. If the email address is a duplicate, the user needs to submit an updated email address, or revoke the previous user id associated with the email address. A shared or group email address cannot be used by more than one user.

## LTSS Training Resources

The new year is a great time to refresh your PAE knowledge! Check out our helpful online training resources [here](#).

## LTSS Program Updates

Always be on the lookout for LTSS program updates and information!

Check out our **Partners-Program Updates Page** link [here](#).

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Please forward to staff in your company that complete or submit TennCare (Medicaid) PAEs/PASRRs. This contains important information for all TPAES users.

State of Tennessee Division of TennCare

Help Desk Tips, 8:00-4:30 (CT), 1-877-224-0219 or [LTC.Operations@tn.gov](mailto:LTC.Operations@tn.gov)

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